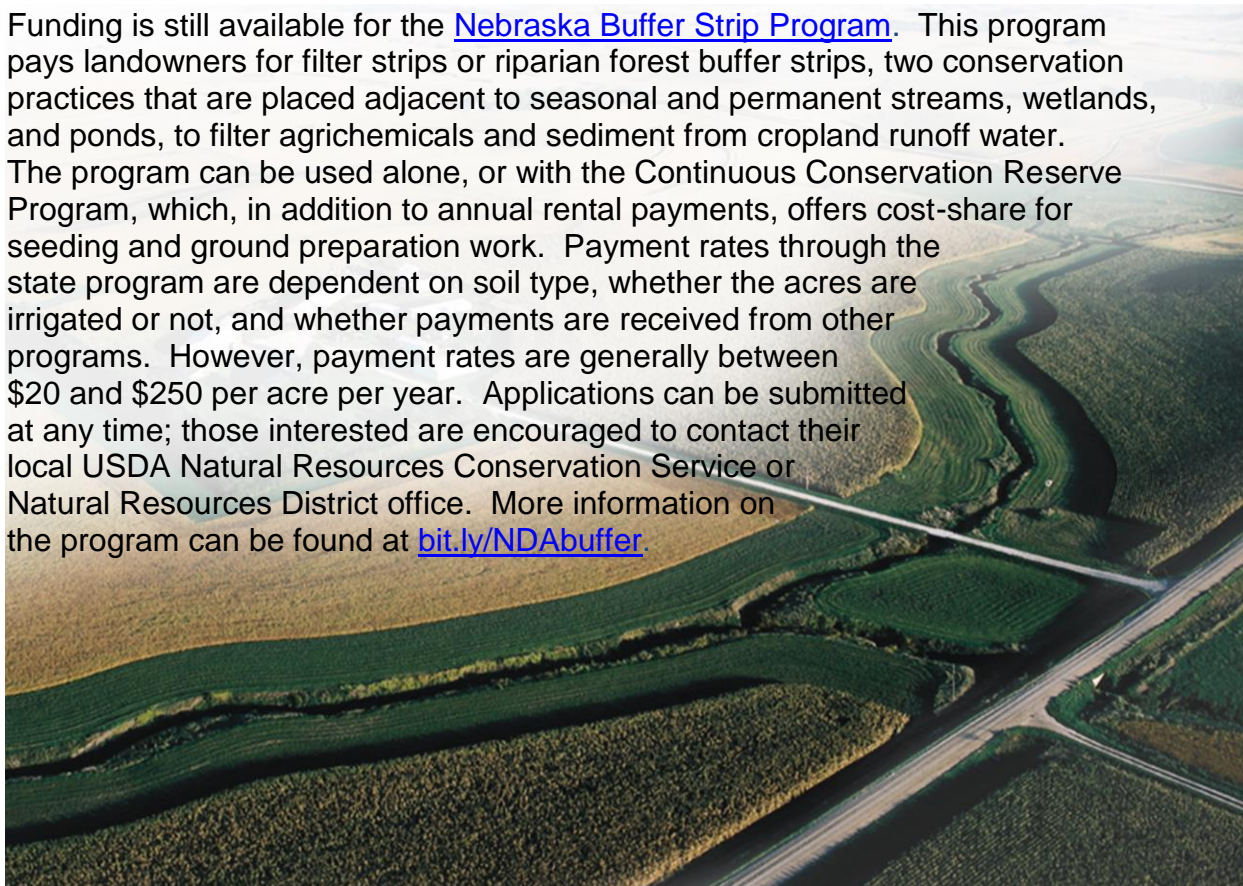


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- Funding is still available for the [Nebraska Buffer Strip Program](#). This program pays landowners for filter strips or riparian forest buffer strips, two conservation practices that are placed adjacent to seasonal and permanent streams, wetlands, and ponds, to filter agrichemicals and sediment from cropland runoff water. The program can be used alone, or with the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program, which, in addition to annual rental payments, offers cost-share for seeding and ground preparation work. Payment rates through the state program are dependent on soil type, whether the acres are irrigated or not, and whether payments are received from other programs. However, payment rates are generally between \$20 and \$250 per acre per year. Applications can be submitted at any time; those interested are encouraged to contact their local USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service or Natural Resources District office. More information on the program can be found at bit.ly/NDAbuffer.



- Commercial and private pesticide applicators are reminded to be attentive to the changes in landscape and the potential for their pesticide product to leave the application site. One tool, the [Applicator's Map and Guide to Prevent Groundwater Contamination](#), can give applicators an idea of the differences of leaching potential from one area to the next. These maps, when used with information about which products are less likely to leach, can help applicators become more aware of this potential and make decisions accordingly. This tool, as well as more information on pesticides and water resources, can be found at the NDA water resources protection page at bit.ly/NDAPPh2o

- NDA has recently updated the [Household Hazardous Waste directory](#), a listing of collection events and facilities that accept pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, etc.), along with other household hazardous waste. Most, if not all, of these sites DO NOT accept commercial or agricultural pesticides. Users are encouraged to contact these facilities ahead of time to determine these limitations. Additional resources for disposing of unwanted pesticide can be found at NDA's web site: bit.ly/HLmlk3
- Stop and say 'Hey' at Husker Harvest Days! Two information booths from the 'plant' side of NDA Animal and Plant Health Protection can be seen at [Husker Harvest Days](#) again this year:
 - Pesticide/Fertilizer Program staff will be in the Nebraska Farmer Hospitality Tent (at the corner of Main Street and Central Avenue)
 - Noxious Weed Program staff will be at the Nebraska Weed Control Association tent (lot 1016 in the northeast part of the grounds)

In addition, NDA Ag Promotions & Development will be in the Nebraska Commodities Building at the east end of Main Street (Lot 8), the NextGen and Negotiations Programs will be in the Nebraska Farmer tent, and NDA's Animal Health Protection programs will be represented in the Livestock Industries Building in the northwest corner of the site. A map and more information about Husker Harvest Day activities can be found at the link above.

- Pesticide Recordkeeping - Violations regarding records of pesticide applications are one of the most frequent types of pesticide violations noted by NDA pesticide inspectors. Anyone using a restricted use pesticide (RUP) must make a record of that application for future reference (and maintain that record for at least three years). The information required to be kept in that record can be found in NDA's brochure, [Pesticide Record Keeping Requirements in Nebraska](#), and sample recordkeeping forms are available at the applicator certification page: bit.ly/NDAPPcert. In addition, the University of Nebraska Pesticide Safety and Education Program has developed "PeRK 2.0", a free mobile app for pesticide application recordkeeping. This app meets all Nebraska state law requirements for RUP pesticide recordkeeping and is a handy tool for keeping track of all pesticide use from year to year. PeRK uses a device's GPS coordinates to note location of application. More information, including features and how to download, can be found in this [UNL Extension CropWatch article](#).

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